Telecommunication Union (ITU), are available and after the finalization of the national spectrum policy.

Committee on Information, Communication and Entertainment

1226. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Committee on Information, Communication and Entertainment to help players in these sectors grow to their full potential;

(b) if so, the composition thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) A Committee on Information, Communication and Entertainment (ICE) was set up, *inter-alia,* to identify new opportunities in the areas of Information, Communication and Entertainment where the State needs to play a pro-active role.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under:

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister - Chairperson

Member Secretary, Planning Commission

Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Secretary, Department of Telecommunications

Secretary, Department of Information Technology

Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs

Secretary, Department of Commerce

Media Advisor to the Prime Minister.

(c) and (d) The Committee has prepared a draft report on the subject.

Facilities for village postmen

†1227. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that village postmen are provided the facilities of salary, allowance, LTC and pension;

(b) if not, the reasons for denial of these common facilities despite serving in remote areas in such hard conditions;

(c) by when the facilities like salary, allowance and pension etc. would be allowed to them like other postal employees;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.